

GULF SHORES CHURCH OF CHRIST

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YOU BE THE JUDGE: A SERIES ON THE BOOK OF JUDGES

Why should we study the book of Judges?

Introduction:

1. Over the next few weeks we are going to be studying the book of Judges.
2. The book of Judges covers the period from about 1380 BC to 1050 BC.
3. This period of time includes everything from the death of Joshua, and his elders, to the rise of King Saul.
4. The theme of the book of Judges is “Doing what’s right in your own eyes.”
5. Why bother reading these from books written so many years ago?
6. They are still just as relevant as the day they were written!
7. I am going to give you three reasons why you should read and study the book of Judges with me over the next several weeks

Discussion:

I. THE BOOK OF JUDGES REVEALS THE ACTIONS OF GOD’S PEOPLE

- A. The thumb-less and toe-less King
- B. The man whose head was nailed to the floor
- C. The strongest man alive
- D. Good actions vs. bad actions

II. THE BOOK OF JUDGES REVEALS THE AUTHENTICITY OF GOD

- A. The failure to teach
- B. The tolerance of sin
- C. The problem of influence
- D. The lack of accountability

III. THE BOOK OF JUDGES REVEALS THE ATTITUDE OF GOD

- A. Toward sin
- B. Toward repentance
- C. Toward forgiveness

Conclusion:

1. As we study the book of Judges, I want you to notice some strange parallels between the Israelites and ourselves.
2. Let’s be guarded and take into account the actions of God’s people, the authenticity of God, and then take notice of God’s attitude.
3. It might help us to keep America on track, or more importantly our homes and the church.
4. “So goes the home, so goes the nation!”